

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (NEW) A device comprising:

a housing defining a cavity, an opening at which a buffered fiber cable can be input into the housing, and at least one channel through which at least a first optical fiber of the buffered fiber cable can be fed;

a first cassette configured to mount within the cavity of the housing, the first cassette being configured to receive and store an excess length of the first optical fiber, the first cassette also being configured to pivot from a first position, in which the first cassette is positioned within the cavity of the housing, to a second position, in which at least a portion of the first cassette is positioned outside the housing, the first cassette also being configured to be removed from the housing by uncoupling the first cassette from the housing and unwinding at least some of the excess length of the first optical fiber from the first cassette.

12. (NEW) The device of claim 11, wherein the housing includes a spindle adjacent the cavity, and wherein the first cassette defines a groove having an open end through which the spindle can be inserted into the groove, the groove also having a closed end forming a pivot point with the spindle when the spindle is inserted into the groove.

13. (NEW) The device of claim 12, wherein the first cassette is configured to be removed from the housing by moving the first cassette in a direction transverse to the spindle to slide the spindle through the open end of the groove.

14. (NEW) The device of claim 11, wherein the first cassette includes a first coupling element at which the first optical fiber can be optically coupled to a second optical fiber.

15. (NEW) The device of claim 14, wherein the first coupling element is formed as a splicing unit.
16. (NEW) The device of claim 14, wherein the first coupling element is configured to receive first and second plug-in contacts.
17. (NEW) The device of claim 14, further comprising a second cassette configured to mount within the cavity of the housing, the second cassette having a second coupling element configured to receive and store a wound, excess length of at least a third optical fiber.
18. (NEW) The device of claim 17, wherein the second cassette is pivotally mounted to the housing.
19. (NEW) The device of claim 18, wherein the second cassette is removably mounted to the housing.
20. (NEW) The device of claim 17, wherein the second optical fiber forms the buffered fiber cable with the first optical fiber.
21. (NEW) The device of claim 17, wherein the second optical fiber forms a second buffered fiber cable separate from the first buffered fiber cable.
22. (NEW) The device of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of cassettes configured to mount within the cavity of the housing.
23. (NEW) The device of claim 11, wherein the first cassette includes at least a first guide element defining at least one path for receiving at least the first optical fiber, the path defined by the guide element including a minimum radius of curvature greater than a minimum-permissible bend radius of the first optical fiber.

24. (NEW) A method comprising:
- pivoting a cassette for storing excess optical fiber out of a cavity of a housing about a spindle of the housing;
 - removing the cassette from the housing by moving the cassette in a direction transverse to the spindle;
 - unwinding a length of at least a first optical fiber stored on the cassette;
 - transporting the cassette to a workplace.
25. (NEW) The method of claim 24, further comprising:
- coupling a second optical fiber to the first optical fiber when the cassette is at the workplace;
 - storing the first optical fiber and the second optical fiber on the cassette; and
 - returning the cassette to the housing.